

PRIESTS ABSOLVE
VICTIMS OF STORM

Baltimore Cleric Aids Capital
Men in Ministering to Dying
in Saul Accident.

Declaring that yesterday's storm was the worst he ever had encountered, the Rev. John E. Wade, pastor of St. Philip and James' Catholic Church, Baltimore, returned to his home last night, after ministering to the dying victims of the Saul building casualty.

Father Wade came to Washington yesterday morning to visit Father Bischoff at Brightwood.

"It was the worst that I have ever seen," said Father Wade, "and one that I will not quickly forget. With Father Bischoff, I was aboard an electric car bound for the city. Suddenly, as we neared the city streets, a breeze developed in the west. Five minutes later the wind had risen to a gale.

"We were on the Georgia avenue and, as the car proceeded, the wind increased to hurricane force. The streets were gripped by a veritable sandstorm for from ten to fifteen minutes. We could hear the smashing of glass and the breaking of trees in all directions. The sandstorm compelled us to cover our faces and the motorman was obliged to stop the car.

Played On Streets.

"Heavy thunder and blinding flashes of lightning followed the wind. It appeared as though the lightning was playing up and down the streets. The crash of glass could be heard above the screaming of the wind. A few minutes later rain began to fall, but the wind did not abate. The rain cleared the dust-filled atmosphere and we saw scores of roofs being lifted from houses and blown to the streets.

"We did not venture to leave the car, for no one dared attempt to walk in the face of that storm. It was obliged to hold to our seats at times, and the car swayed. Automobiles, deserted and water-soaked, with their windows shattered and tops gone, were scattered about the streets or blown against the trunks of big trees.

"We were held prisoners in the car for nearly an hour, and leaving it at Ninth and L streets, we started to walk toward Union Station. In all directions windows were blown from the biggest buildings, trees were uprooted and the streets were blocked. I saw many car men clearing the tracks of the debris.

"The streets were veritable rivers, and, as a climax to the storm, a heavy down-pour of hail came down for ten minutes. We walked at the atmospheric performance, and hardly knew what to expect next. After the hail the storm subsided, and the clouds began to clear in the northwest, whence the storm broke.

Building Levelled.

"A few minutes after leaving the car we were attracted by a large crowd at Seventh and L streets. Arriving within half a block of the intersection, we saw that a three-story building had been leveled. Making hasty inquiry, we learned that a number of persons were in the ruins. By this time the firemen arrived, and we made our way through the crowd. Mr. Saul, the owner of the building, was there. A few minutes later Father Connelly, of the Immaculate Conception Church, and Father McNamara, of St. Patrick's arrived.

"We gave conditional absolution to the Catholics who were caught in the building. The front had fallen out on L street and the side slumped into Seventh. The first man taken out was dead, but the second was alive and was taken to Emergency Hospital. The third, I was told, was Mr. Hilton, vice president of the company. He was dead. The fourth rescued was a young woman and the fifth a man. All were taken to the hospital.

"We learned from Mr. Saul and others that Mr. Hilton died the death of a

Branches to Be Given
To Poor of Capital
For Use As Fuel

Poor people of Washington in need of firewood for the winter months can have it delivered to their homes free of cost if they apply at once to the Department of Public Buildings and Grounds, according to a statement made this morning by Superintendent Gillen.

There are twenty trees and innumerable branches lying about the White House grounds as a result of yesterday's storm. The wreckage represents about 1,000 cords of wood.

The limbs will be gathered up in lengths suitable for handling, and although it will not be sawed into stove-lengths, it will be carted to the homes of the poor who make application for it, and there will be no charge for the wood or the hauling.

If not asked for, the wreckage will be burned on a vacant lot.

There were a dozen persons in the building when the storm started and others sought refuge in its doorways. Before the storm had reached its height a part of the roof was blown off and Mr. Hilton and a clerk warned everybody not to stand near the windows.

Cracking of Timbers.

A few minutes later the building began to sway and the cracking of timbers was heard. Mr. Hilton ordered all to leave.

"He was safe on the sidewalk when he remembered that a young woman was in the building and, without regard for his safety, he re-entered. A minute later both walks gave in and the upper floors crashed to the basement and street. Mr. Hilton was not seen until his body was recovered half an hour later.

"The hand of destruction was seen all over the city. No section escaped, department stores were flooded, hundreds of plate glass windows were blown in and thousands of trees and private homes damaged. Teams were obliged to desert their teams in the streets to seek safety.

"The sidewalks and streets were covered with broken glass and other debris, and in some places water was knee deep. The storm was a local one, for practically no damage was done outside Washington.

Marine Band Platform
Swept Away By Wind

There was no concert by the Marine Band on the east front of the Capitol yesterday afternoon, nor was there even a band stand left after the storm. Just before the wind furiously descended upon the Capitol grounds workmen erected the portable band stand for a concert by the Marine Band. The chairs and music racks for the musicians were in place and the ropes were there to keep back the crowds.

The storm came. Chairs and music racks were broken to bits and buried through the air. Planks from the stand were torn loose and sent skidding down the Capitol grounds. Several of the pieces hit small iron posts surrounding the stand, and the iron bent over like wood.

When the storm had passed there was little left of the band stand or its accessories. Neither the Marine Band nor the crowd showed up for the concert. Instead workmen spent an hour or more collecting debris.

SUFFRAGE ARMY
GOES TO SENATE

Women Go to Senate With
Petitions Seeking Right to
Cast Ballot.

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and were ushered into the Senate chamber, nobody had discovered it. The reception that greeted the pilgrims in Hyattsville was as warm as the midsummer sun that streamed down upon hundreds of women in diaphanous summer toques, fanning, bringing the reception accorded the hikers who came to Washington on a similar errand less than four months ago, one could not help comparing this morning's greeting with the other. While no attempt had been made to decorate the houses in Hyattsville, there was a kindly feeling which found expression everywhere.

Citizens Cheer Women.

Citizens gathered on their vine clad porches, or shady doorways to cheer the women as they passed in their gayly adorned automobiles. Bare-legged boys and little sunburned children, as well as their elders, cheered the pilgrims as they passed through the main streets of the village, and across the flower laden fields to Hyattsville baseball park, a half mile distant. It seemed as though even nature had conspired to make the day a perfect one, and it was a pretty picture that wound its way beneath the trees and through the grass-grown road between the pine trees to the ball park where a grandstand had been erected, and handsomely decorated for today's event. County Constable Garrison was on hand to see that perfect order was maintained, and the crowd that had assembled in the grove that flanked the ball park was a dignified, well behaved gathering of men, women and children.

The youngest suffragist and perhaps the oldest well represented in the crowd, Little Master Bonn Gilbert, the fourteen-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur B. Gilbert, waved a suffrage flag in his tiny fist, while the parade passed by, and Mrs. Sing an Ohio delegate, who has passed the three-score mark and who joined the New

York State Association for Equal Suffrage in 1894, had a prominent place on the grandstand of a former visit.

Hyattsville Band Play.

After a program of national airs from the Hyattsville Band, there was a short speech by Mayor Harry Shepherd, who presented the freedom of the village and a golden key to the leader of the suffrage delegation, Miss Alice Paul. Then there were short but stirring speeches by Senators Owen of Oklahoma, Clapp, Ashurst, and Chamberlain. These were followed by most music, then the movement to the capitol was begun.

Unfortunately the cars made a detour around Brookland and ran into some rather muddy roads, but as soon as the long line came out around on the Old Bankers Hill road, Michigan avenue, there was no more mud or water. Absolutely no trouble about the line of March in the city was experienced, universal courtesy and on the streets of the city which had accorded them such a discouraging reception on the occasion of a former visit.

Each car carried a huge banner upon which was inscribed the name of the State from which the delegate hailed, and there were additional decorations of flags, pennants, and pom-poms. The car in which the Florida delegation rode was completely covered with flowers and greenery, and one of the three cars bearing the Pennsylvania delegation was similarly decorated. The parade, with its floating banners of white, purple and green, was a handsome sight as it wound its way toward Washington, and all along the countryside the fair advocates for equal franchise were cheered by men, women and children, who had lined up along the roadway to see the parade. At the Soldiers' Home the parade was met by a platoon of bicycle policemen and officers on motorcycles who escorted the pilgrims to the Capitol.

Prominent Women There.

Almost every woman who has been at all prominent in the fight for political recognition was present in today's parade. Miss Jeannette Rankin, of Montana, who has been one of the most ardent workers for the cause, occupied the Montana car. She displayed a handsome and becoming coat of sunburn, due to the fact that much of her journey was made by automobile.

Miss Rankin left Montana on July 7, and since that time she has made a wonderful record as a speaker. In North Dakota she made nineteen speeches, eleven in Montana, and she also addressed large audiences in St. Paul, Chicago, Indianapolis, speaking in theaters, motion picture shows, libraries, and other public places.

All along her route, Miss Rankin declared, she met with encouragement, and the meetings were always orderly and well attended.

The Pennsylvania delegation included Mrs. Charles Z. Klauder, of Philadelphia; Miss Kate Sweeney, of Pittsburgh; Mrs. Horace Burrell, Mrs.

Thomas A. Curry, Miss Helen Bergmark, all of Philadelphia; Mrs. Mabel Cronise Jones, of Harrisburg, who presented the State petition; Miss Katzenstein and Dr. Eleanor Jones, of Philadelphia.

Miss Mackay in Line.

Miss Hazel Mackay, who arranged Washington's Fourth of July pageant, was another prominent member of the parade, and so was Dr. Cora King, of the State of Washington, who was active in the late Presidential campaign.

Mrs. Glendower Evans, who did much to make the minimum wage bill for women in Massachusetts a law, was another active worker in today's parade. Miss Ruth Noyes, of Washington, was one of the busiest of all the busy workers. She was the grand marshal of the day, and arranged the automobile transportation, being assisted by Miss Alice Terry. Mrs. Claudius Stone, representing Illinois in the parade, wore the beautiful shoulder band, and capstar trimmed cap that she has worn in four previous suffrage parades. She announced that she was proud of the march to the Capitol was taken up.

At Senate At 12:30.

It was 12:30 o'clock when the army reached the Senate chamber, just on the dot, as per schedule, despite the frightful conditions of the roads between Hyattsville and the District line, and the army of women were ushered into the presence of the Senators. Those who were not carrying the petitions and the overtopped themselves with peeping in at the doors, after the galleries had been stuffed full. Later, after the petitions had been presented, the leaders re-entered their waiting automobiles and return to the downtown section, where many of them made public addresses from the street corners.

Tonight there will be a banquet at the Brightwood, closing an eventful day for the suffragists.

Workmen on Scaffold
Have Narrow Escape

A panic among eighteen carpenters and plasterers who were working on a scaffolding in the fur vault at Woodward & Lothrop's yesterday was forestalled by the calmness of Louis Schreck, who is in charge of the work. When the storm broke the laborers were caught at their work directly beneath the roof. In confusion they attempted to get down from their suspended position, and had it not been for the calmness of the foreman, who alone was master of the situation, fatalities would have resulted. It is said by the men who were among the laborers.

Houses in Every Part
Of City Are Unroofed

Damage in the northeast was not as great as in other sections.

park at Fifteenth and H streets was carried away, while the police reported that the following houses blown off: 220 Maryland avenue, 271 I street, Roosevelt apartment house, Eleventh and F streets; roof and rear porch demolished; 310 C street, dwellings 322-40 Fourteenth street, 231 Tennessee avenue, 1821 I street, Second and A streets, 208 C street, and several other dwellings and stores had parts of roofs torn off.

Damage at Behrends'

Damage amounting to several hundred dollars was done at Behrends' department store, 825 Seventh street north-west, when a portion of the roof was blown off. Goods in this part of the store were damaged by water.

Parker, Bridget & Co.—The Nationally Known Store
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\$6 and \$7 White Flannel and Serge Trou-
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White Flannel and White and Striped Serge Trousers—imported materials, and exceptional values.

\$3 and \$4 Vests \$1.35
Reduced to...

Wash Vests, fancy and plain, in marseilles, pique, and madras; also fancy worsteds, silk-mixed, and mercerized effects.

Cool, Comfortable Mohair Suits Reduced
Mohair Suits, tailored in the careful P-B way.

\$15 Mohairs now \$10.75
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75c

Out go the Straws—this is the final clearance—and an absurdly low figure.

\$18 and \$20 Shadow Stripe Serge Suits at... \$13.25

You want to note the excellent tailoring and the clever shadow stripe patterns in these suits—you can't overlook the low sale price.

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All P-B Summer Suits are reduced—final summer reductions in every department.

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50c, 75c and 89c Corsets, Some
Made by R & G Factory
Water-soaked corsets, in grades to 89c; dip hip, batiste, with 4 supporters. Flood price.... **27c**

Table Full Finest Muslin Underwear, Worth to \$1.50
Water-soaked embroidery and lace medallion yoke gowns, all-over ruffled skirts and skirt and drawer combinations. Flood price.... **47c**

8c and 10c Best Apron Gingham
Water-soaked Amoskeag and Cliffside Apron Gingham, in all colors and size checks; fast color, as proven by non-fading. Flood price..... **48c**

\$1.00 to \$2.00 Black Halcyon and Mercerized Silk Petticoats
Water-soaked, but good as new, accordion pleated and fine tucked petticoats. Values to \$2.00. Flood price **57c**

**Flooded Store Sale at
BEHREND'S**
Now at 825 7th St. N. W.

A section of our roof carried away in Wednesday's terrific storm allowed the rain to flood the store. Thousands of dollars worth of merchandise in various departments were "soaked." These goods must be sold at once irrespective of former prices or values. Re-laudering for the most part will make all articles as good as new.

35c Brassieres
Made of fine cambric, embroidery trimmed. Removable bones, reinforced armholes. A special at..... **14c**

29c Infants' Lace Edged Long Slips
Water-soaked fine nainsook slips for infants; lace edged neck and sleeves; dry out and worth 29c. Flood price **12c**

\$1.00 to \$2.50 Girls' Dresses
Dampened chambray, madras and chambray dresses for girls 6 to 14 years; Balkan, Bulgarian, and dozens of other styles; all colors. Flood price **77c**

\$1.00 and \$1.50 Best Galatea Middy and Balkan Blouses
Water-soaked Galatea Middys and Blouses, in plain white or colored collars and cuffs; not the ordinary cheap kind, but values to \$1.50. Flood price **57c**

69c to \$1.00 Boys' Wash Suits
Water-soaked hundreds of suits, in stripes and plain colors; sailor collar and buttoned side style; 3 to 8 years. Flood price..... **39c**

Suits and Dresses
Slightly Water Soaked but Pressing Will Make As Good As New
Almost Given Away

\$5.00 to \$7.50 Coat Suits
13 Suits of Pure Linen and White P. K. Our best this season's \$5 to \$7.50 garments, crushed from wetting. Pressing will make like new. Flood price **\$1.89**

\$10 and \$15 Dampened Linen Suits
We have had these suits pressed and you'd never know they had been wet. Finest of flax linen in 6 of this season's most fashionable styles and colors. Flooded quick clearing price **\$2.89**

Press and You'll Have an Elegant \$15 Cloth Suit for Only \$2.25 in lot—Our finest \$15.00 Satin Lined Cloth Suits, that you'll be glad to have this fall, in stylish stripes and checks and a few plain suits. These garments were barely sprinkled and with pressing will be as good as new. Flood price.....
\$4.85

\$3.50 to \$5.00 Lawn, Madras and Embroidery Dresses, Trifle Crushed
These dresses were not wet, but in the excitement of removing stocks to dry places, were crushed. Lace and embroidery trimmed, all colors. Flood price..... **\$1.59**

\$5.00 to \$7.00 Crushed White Embroidery Dresses
A trifle wetted, but pressing will make them as good as new. Finest blind and openwork, fine white all-over embroidery dresses in a variety of this summer's handsomest styles. Some richly lace trimmed. Flood price..... **\$1.89**

\$3.50 Checked and Plain Colors Serge Skirts
Water barely got to this lot of skirts; new side open effect, checked and black and blue all wool serge skirts in 3 styles. Flood price **\$1.79**

\$10.00 Silk Pongee Long Coats
In thoroughly good condition, pure silk Pongee Long Coats, handsomely satin trimmed, semi fit (loose fitting). We've pressed them and they're good as new. Flood price **\$4.95**

Slightly Wet Small Lots Almost Given Away

25c Gloves 9c
Women's black lisle gloves, 9c in sizes 6 to 7 1/2. Flood price..... **10c**

10c to 25c Colored Ribbon Velvets, White Belting Laces, Etc. 1c
Small lot of satin back velvets, laces, belting, etc. Flood price..... **17c**

15c Infants' Sox and Stockings 2c
Small size Stockings and Sox in black, blue, red, etc. Flood price..... **27c**

\$1.00 Small Girls' Dresses 44c
Handsome embroidery trimmed and self strapped checked, striped, and plain color madras Dresses, 2 to 6 years. Flood price..... **44c**

35c to 50c Children's Rompers and Aprons 21c
Slightly wet best Aprons and Rompers, colors fast as proven by non-fading. 2 to 6 years. Flood price..... **21c**

25c Lisle Hose 11c
"Damp" thinnest silk lisle hose, in black and white, high spliced heels. Flood price..... **11c**

15c Women's Ribb Vests 6c
"Damp" taped neck and armhole, fine white ribb Vests, all sizes. Flood price..... **63c**

35c Finest Men's Silk Sox 17c
Black, white, tan, lavender, and blue; thin fine silk Sox. Flood price..... **17c**

Waists Reduced Before Badly Wetted, at Flood Prices

Embroidered and Tailor-made 89c Waists, 29c
All over embroidery front and tailor-made waists in button front or back styles. Pressing will make like new. Flood price..... **29c**

\$1.25 to \$2 Waists for 67c
Crushed Silk, Lingerie and Fashionable Striped Waists in exquisitely lace and embroidery trimmed or Robespierre models. Flood price..... **67c**

Silk Waists, Worth to \$5.00, \$1.69
These waists were crushed in the hurry to remove, but with pressing will be as good as new. Finest of satin messalines, black taffetas, striped wash and plain colors, Jap Silk in fancy or tailor-made styles. Flood price..... **\$1.69**

Wet Sheets and Cases Almost Given Away

15c Cases, 84c.
Big size, even thread, best 15c cases. 3 - inch hems. Damp only. Flood price..... **84c**

55c Double Bed Sheets, 34c.
Full double bed size, extra heavy weight bleached sheets, 2 - inch hems. As good as new. Flood price..... **34c**

Best \$1.00 Seamsless Sheets, 59c.
Extra size, best standard border, huck Towels. Wetting doesn't affect these. Flood price..... **59c**

12 1/2c Wet Towels, 67c.
Big size heavy weight, corded border, huck Towels. Wetting doesn't affect these. Flood price..... **67c**